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SUBJECT: AID ASKED FOR ZIMBABWE GUERRILLA TRAINEES

1. SUMMARY. LOCAL OFFICE OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES WAS ASKED BY RHODESIAN LIBERATION GROUP SPOKESMAN TO PROVIDE FOOD RELIEF FOR RHODESIAN "REFUGEES" IN TANZANIA AND MOZAMBIQUE. "REFUGEES" TURNED OUT TO BE ZIMBABWE GUERRILLA TRAINEES, AND CATHOLIC RELIEF HAS EXPLAINED ITS INABILITY TO PROVIDE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. AT END OF JUNE, JACK FAZIO, DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES IN TANZANIA, WAS APPROACHED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF "ZIMBABWE NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELIEF COMMITTEE" WITH REQUEST FOR FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR RHODESIAN REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE AND TANZANIA. REQUEST WAS MADE BY C.P. MANDIZVIDZA, WHO CARRIED LETTER FROM RHODESIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IDENTIFYING HIM AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LAY APOSTOLATE IN GWELO DIOCESE, RHODESIA. MANDIZVIDZA SAID THERE WERE
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30,000 RHODESIAN REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE, 3,000 IN ZAMBIA, AND 2,000 AT IRINGA IN SOUTHERN TANZANIA (PLUS ANOTHER 50 IN DAR ES SALAAM), WHO NEEDED HELP.

3. FAZIO FOUND APPROACH CURIOUS BECAUSE NEITHER UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE HERE, NOR TANGOV MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, WHICH HANDLES REFUGEE MATTERS, RECOGNIZES THE EXISTENCE OF ANY RHODESIAN REFUGEES IN TANZANIA. EMBASSY NOTED THAT MANDIZVIDZA WAS ACCOMPANIED ON VISITS TO FAZIO BY A MR. MOMBOSHERA, PROBABLY A. H. MOMBOSHERA, FORMER EAST AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE OF ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION (ZANU), AND GAVE FORMER ZANU HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS NOW USED BY DAR ES SALAAM REPRESENTATIVE OF SO-CALLED "THIRD FORCE".

4. ASKED FOR EVIDENCE OF TANGOV APPROVAL OF HIS REQUEST, MANDIZVIDZA REFERRED FAZIO TO PRINIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY KIBASA IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, A MAN CHARGED AMONG OTHER THINGS WITH ASSISTING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OPERATING IN TANZANIA. APPROVAL HAD BEEN OBTAINED, MANDIZVIDZA STATED, THROUGH A "COMRADE MUDENDE".

5. KIBASA, IN TURN, TOLD FAZIO JULY 30 THAT "REFUGEES" WERE YOUNG MEN WHO HAD COME OUT OF RHODESIA AND WERE TO RECEIVE MILITARY TRAINING. ANY AID FROM CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN WITHOUT VISITING CAMPS OR OTHER USUAL CONTROLS, AS LOCATION OF THE CAMPS AND COMPOSITION OF THEIR INMATES WAS SECRET. FAZIO EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COULD NOT CONSIDER PROVIDING ASSISTANCE. KIBASA ACCEPTED REFUSAL WITHOUT ARGUMENT OR APPARENT RANCOR.

6. COMMENT: TANGOV MAKES CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN REFUGEES, WHO ARE REGISTERED WITH UNHCR AND LOOKED AFTER BY HOME AFFAIRS MINISTRY, AND MEMBERS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, WHO ARE ASSISTED THROUGH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. THIS IS FIRST TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAVE APPROACHED LOCAL RELIEF AGENCIES WITH REQUEST FOR AID.
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